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NOTES.

ÉMILE BOUTROUX.

One of the best-known contemporary French philosophers, M. Émile Boutroux, died at Paris, November 22, 1921. He was born July 28, 1845, in Montrouge (Seine), and became a pupil of Jules Lachelier at the École Normale supérieure (1866-1868). His long teaching career, at the Universities of Montpellier and Nancy, at the École Normale and at the Sorbonne, began in 1874, also the date of publication of his doctor's thesis, *De la contingence des Lois de la Nature*. Greatly interested in the relations of science and religion to philosophy, he also published, in 1895, a work entitled *De l'idée de loi naturelle dans la science et la philosophie contemporaines*, and in 1908 (his last book) *Science et Religion*. But while his investigations and conclusions as to the nature of scientific methodology and results thus were to open the way for the speculation of scientists themselves—chief among whom, no doubt, was his famous brother-in-law, Henri Poincaré—his main interest lay in the field of the history of philosophy. As a teacher he is said to have subjected the texts of the various historical systems to the most penetrating and minute examination, while at the same time clearly emphasizing the significant features of the doctrines under review, and as a writer in this field Boutroux revealed himself a master of the art of clear and comprehensive exposition. He translated the first part of Zeller's *Philosophie der Griechen* (1877-1882); produced a classic edition of Leibniz's *Monadologie* and *Nouveaux Essais* (1880-1886); and published other articles on Socrates, Aristotle, Boehme, Descartes, Pascal, Kant and William James. In all his thinking and writing Boutroux seized upon the most extreme oppositions in the various fields, and instead of conciliating or sterilizing them by mediating concessions, sought to dominate them by further fruitful reflections. Thus in his doctrine of 'contingency' he seeks to show that there is going on in nature a process, which it is the task of the various sciences each in their own particular ways to discover, of creating genuinely new wholes possessing new qualities, and infinitely richer in content than the mere sum of their parts. It is from this point of view, moreover, that Boutroux concluded his *Science et Religion* with the following words: "La raison s'ingénie à les rapprocher à travers leurs luttes, et à former de leur réunion un être plus harmonieux que chacune d'elles prise à part." In the *cher maître* of Bergson and many another fellow teacher and student, in the member of numerous learned and educational societies, in the true 'man of the world' that was M. Boutroux, France has lost a son whose nobility of character and loftiness of intellect is universally recognized and admired.

BENNO ERDMANN.

Benno Erdmann, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Berlin, and member of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, died in Berlin January 7, 1921, in his seventieth year. Formerly he had been Professor at Halle, and visited America to participate in the scientific discussions at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. He is the author of numerous studies on psychological problems and on Kant's Critical Philosophy. He also edited Kant's *Reflexionen* and J. E. Erdmann's *Geschichte der Philosophie*. Perhaps his best-known works are the *Logik*, of which only the first part was completed, and the *Psychologische Untersuchungen über das Lesen*.

The Southwestern Philosophical Association were the guests of Occidental College on the occasion of their second annual meeting, held December 28, 1921.

Dr. Bernard C. Ewer, of Pomona College, presented a paper on "A Dilemma in Ethics." Dr. James Main Dixon, of the University of Southern California, read a paper on "The Philosophy of Sympathy" as an expression of French and Scottish thinking. Dr. John W. Scott, of University College of Cardiff, Wales, this year Mills professor at the University of California, read a paper based on Rivers' treatment of Instinct and the Unconscious.

Extended discussion of the papers was had, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Ralph Tyler Flewelling, University of So. Calif. Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Nelson Wieman, Occidental College. Member of the Executive Committee, Bernard Capen Ewer, Pomona College.

We give below a list of articles in current philosophical periodicals:

THE JOURNAL OF RELIGION, II, 1: *George W. Coleman*, The Contribution of the Open Forum to Democracy and Religion; *C. H. Moehlmann*, What are the Fundamentals of Christianity?; *Samuel S. Cohon*, The Mission of Reform Judaism; *W. C. Keirstead*, The Leadership of the Ministry in Industrial and Social Life; *J. M. Powis Smith*, Law and the Ritual in the Psalms; *Kenneth Saunders*, Glimpses of the Religious Life of New Japan.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ETHICS, XXXII, 2: *Arthur Henderson*, The Character and Policy of the British Labor Party; *Benjamin Ives Gilman*, What is Liberty when Two or More Persons are Concerned?; *C. J. Cadoux*, The Individual Factor in Social Progress; *A. B. Wolfe*, Emotion, Blame and the Scientific Attitude in Relation to Radical Leadership; *Benjamin Ginzberg*, Hypocrisy as a Pathological Symptom; *A. H. Lloyd*, Leadership and Progress; *Rupert Clendon Lodge*, Plato and the Moral Standard, II.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY, XII, 3: *G. H. Thompson*, The Northumberland Mental Tests; *A. R. Grant*, A Study on the Perception of Form; *H. Hartridge*, A Criticism of Wrightson's Hypothesis of Audition; *L. Feasey*, Some Experiments on Æsthetics; *L. G. Fildes* and *C. S. Meyers*, Left-Handedness and the Reversal of Letters; *E. J. G. Bradford*, Factors in Mental Tests; *W. Whately Smith*, A Note on the Use of the Psycho-galvanic Reflex; *Mary Sturt*, A Comparison of Speed with Accuracy in the Learning Process.

JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY, IV, 3: *Raymond Dodge*, A Mirror Recorder for Photographing the Compensatory Movements of Closed Eyes; *P. W. Cobb* and *M. W. Loring*, A Method for Measuring Retinal Sensitivity; *E. S. Jones*, Improvement in Brightness Discrimination and its Bearing on a Behavioristic Interpretation of Perception; *F. A. C. Perrin*, Physical Attractiveness and Repulsiveness; *D. A. Laird*, Apparatus for the Study of Visual After Images; *S. M. Newhall*, The Modification of Intensity of Sensation by Attention; *Knight Dunlap*, An Improvement in Voice Keys.

PSYCHOLOGICAL REVIEW, XXVIII, 5: *William McDougall*, Belief as Derived Emotion; *J. R. Kantor*, How do We acquire our Basic Reactions?; *Mary Whiton Calkins*, Fact and Inference in Raymond Wheeler's Doctrine of Will and Self-Activity; *E. I. Thorndike*, The Correlation between Interests and Abilities in College Courses; *C. L. Hull*, A Device for Determining Coefficients of Partial Correlation.

THE JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE, LIV, 6: *Jonathan Wright*, The Psychiatry of the Greek Tragic Poets in its Relation to that of Hippocrates; *Nolan D. D. Lewis* and *G. R. Davies*, A Correlative Study of Endocrine Imbalance and Mental Disease; *G. B. Hassin* and *T. T. Stone*, A Case of Epidemic (Lethargic) Encephalitis with a Tremor Typical of Multiple Sclerosis.

HARVARD THEOLOGICAL REVIEW, XV, 1: *Henry J. Cadby*, The Social Translation of the Gospel; *Sidney R. Packard*, King John and the Norman Church; *George F. Moore*, Intermediaries in Jewish Theology; *Louis H. Gray*, Some Recent Studies on the Iranian Religions; *Kirsopp Lake*, The Problem of Christian Origins.

THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY, XVIII, 26: *George Santayana*, On my Friendly Critics; *Maurice Picard*, A Discussion of "Mind Discerned," XIX, 1: *Arthur O. Lovejoy*, Pragmatism and the New Materialism; *Lucinda P. Boggs*, A Partial Analysis of Faith. 2: *John Dewey*, An Analysis of Reflective Thought; *J. R. Kantor*, The Nervous System, Psychological Fact or Fiction?

MIND, XXXI, 121: *G. Dawes Hicks*, The Philosophical Researches of Meinong, I; *R. Wood Sellars*, Concerning "Transcendence" and "Bifurcation"; *J. E. Turner*, Dr. Wildon Carr and Lord Haldane on Scientific Relativity; *W. Lutoslawski*, A Theory of Personality.

THE PERSONALIST, III, 1: *Josephine Hammond*, Wonder and the Playwright, Dunsany; The Editor, Dante's Treatment of Personality; *Robert W. Rogers*, The University, Italy to California; *Bernard Capen Ewer*, The Philosophy of American Life.

REVUE PHILOSOPHIQUE, XLVII, 1-2: *H. Delacroix*, La foi et la raison; *G. Dumas*, L'expression des émotions; *E. Rabaud*, L'adaptation et l'évolution, III; *Ch. Lalo*, Ethique et esthétique; *E. Goblot*, Analyse d'un rêve; *W. M. Kozłowski*, La réforme de l'enseignement Philosophique à l'Université.

ARCHIVES DE PSYCHOLOGIE, XVIII, 69-70: *Ed. Claparède*, Théodore Flournoy, sa vie et son oeuvre; *Theodore Flournoy*, L'idée centrale de la critique de la raison pure; *J. Larguier des Bancels*, L'abîme de Pascal; *J. Piaget*, Une forme verbale de la comparaison chez l'enfant.

RIVISTA DI FILOSOFIA NEO-SCHOLASTICA, XIII, 5: La Redazione, La Facoltà Filosofica della Università Cattolica del S. Cuore; *G. Cattaneo*, Roberto Ardigò, Nei ricordi d'uno dei suoi primi discepoli all'Università di Padova; *G. Sestili*, La filosofia di S. Bonaventura; *C. Baeumker*, Pietro d'Ibèrnia maestro della gioventù di Tomasso d'Aquino e una sua disputa alla presenza del re Manfredi.

RIVISTA TRIMESTRALE DI STUDI FILOSOFICI E RELIGIOSI, II, 3: *G. Furlani*, Studi apollinaristici, I; X, Il valore estetico e religioso della critica; *A. Pini*, Il messaggio religioso di A. Towianski; *Y. Colombo*, Dio e la filosofia.

ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR PSYCHOLOGIE UND PHYSIOLOGIE DER SINNESORGANE, LXXXVIII, 1-2: *E. R. Jaensch*, Grundfragen der Akustik und Tonpsychologie; *E. R. Jaensch*, Über die Vorstellungswelt der Jugendlichen und den Aufbau des intellektuellen Lebens; *V. Paul Krellenberg*, Über die Herausbildung der Wahrnehmungs- und Vorstellungswelt aus der originären eidetischen Einheit; *J. Plassmann*, Die Milchstrasse als Gegenstand der Sinneswahrnehmung; *G. Révész*, Tierpsychologische Untersuchungen.

RUCH FILOZOFICZNY, VI, 3-5: *Stefan Blachowski*, Kongres psychologii eksperymentalnej. 6-7; *T. Kotarbinski*, O potrzebie zaniechania wyrazów "filozofia;" "filozof," "filozoficzny," it. p.